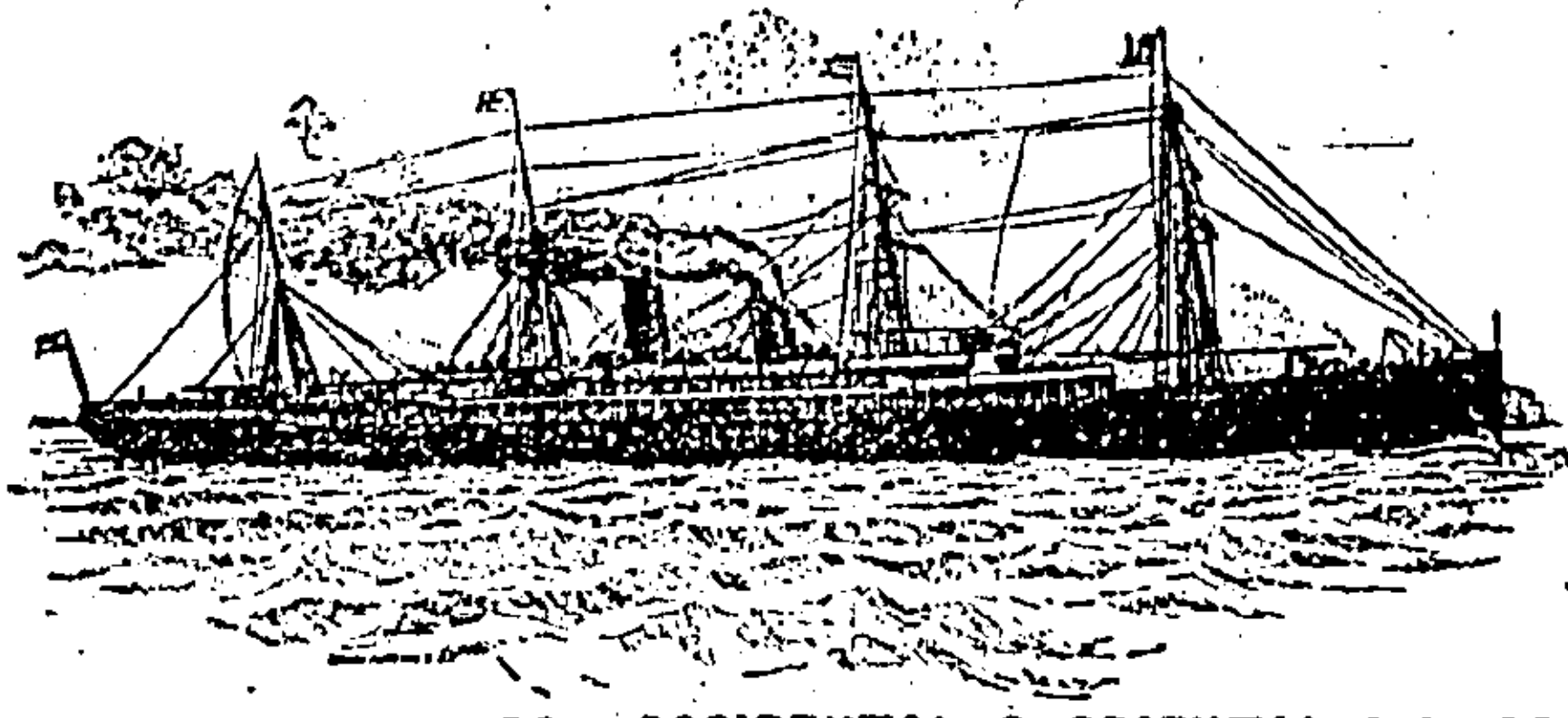






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"	"ATHENIAN" .....	3,882 .....	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
"	"EMPEROR OF CHINA" .....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.
"	"EMPEROR OF INDIA" .....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 24th June.
"	"EMPEROR OF JAPAN" .....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.
"	"TARTAR" .....	4,425 .....	WEDNESDAY, 22nd July.
"	"EMPEROR OF CHINA" .....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 5th August.
"	"ATHENIAN" .....	3,882 .....	WEDNESDAY, 12th August.
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Schmidt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
SERBIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	5th May.	Freight.
Deinart	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
SAXONIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	19th May.	Freight.
Brehmer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
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Hongkong, 26th March, 1903.

## Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,  
No. 177.

INFORMATION has been received from the

Military Authorities that FIELD FIRING

will take place TO-MORROW MORNING,

the 28th instant, from a point one mile South

of Kowloon Point (Ngau Tau Kok), firing on

the Southern Slope of the Hill.

By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th March, 1903.

## Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the

Military Authorities that GUN PRAC-

TICE will be carried out from 6 P.M. at

Stonescutters Island, West Battery, on MON-

DAY and TUESDAY next, the 30th and 31st

instant, at targets in a Westerly direction.

Practice will commence at about 9 A.M.

By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1903.

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REFERRING to the Company's Notice of

20th December last, the Senders of

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1st April next, the Charges for Telegrams will

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J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong Station, 26th March, 1903.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-

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Queen's Road Central, at 4 P.M. on TUESDAY,

the 31st March, 1903, for the purpose of rece-

ving the Report of the Directors with a State-

ment of Accounts, to the 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 20th March to the

31st March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. A. A. SOUZA, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1903.

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A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.  
A. T. Code.  
Lieber's Standard Code.  
TYLPHONE, 231.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [355e]

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**BIRTHS.**  
On the 15th March, at Yungching, Mary B. Price, wife of Rev. ROLAND ALLEN, of the Church of England Mission, of a daughter.  
On the 19th March, at Ningpo, the wife of the Rev. A. J. WALKER, of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**  
Feb. 18, at West Hampstead, H. R. GARRARD and ALICE P. ULIN BEATRICE BELL.  
Feb. 21, at Clifton, A. THUR GEORGE, son of Sir T. T. Ford (formerly Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements), to ETHEL MAUD EVANS.  
Feb. 24, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, the Rev. ROWLAND FRANCIS CONNOLLY, formerly Chaplain St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, to LILIAN HOPE, daughter of the late Sir Harry Smith Parkes, K.C.B., G.C.M.G.  
On the 18th March, at H.B.M.'s Consulate, and at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., KATHERINE MURIEL KOCH, to THOMAS HENRY ARTINDALE, of Shanghai.

**DEATHS.**  
At Bexhill-on-sea, on January 28th, HENRY W. G. GEE, formerly Agent for the P. and O. Company at Singapore.  
On the 9th February, at Chicopee, Mass., U.S.A., the Rev. George Kerr, Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, the dearly beloved husband of MARGARET A. S. KERR, nee Kofor, formerly of Shanghai.  
At 104E, Serangoon Road, on the 18th ult., ROSE CONSTANCE, wife of Captain A.P. FRIPP, of Singapore.  
Feb. 21, suddenly, WILLIAM HOLT MIDGLEY, of Guildford aged 42.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1903.

## THE TUNG WA HOSPITAL.

"It is as if an old tree had put out a new branch, whose beauty is before our eyes," thus characteristically the Chairman of the Tung Wa Hospital Committee referred to the new institution that now stands completed opposite the old one, in his speech at the opening ceremony held yesterday afternoon. The speaker referred, with becoming sentiments, to His Excellency Sir Henry Blake's participation in the Hospital Extension, and he mentioned that, with the enlarged accommodation provided in the new building, it will be possible to do away with the Ko Fong wards in the old hospital on the opposite side of Po Yan Street. This is good news. In his evidence before the Commission of Inquiry of 1896, Dr. F. W. Clark stated that these wards should not be occupied by patients or attendants. In the majority report signed by the Commissioners, the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart as chairman, and the Honourables A. M. Thomson and Dr. Ho Kai, it was stated, with respect to the Ko Fong wards, originally erected for the purpose of housing small-pox patients, that they understood that the Committee had already decided to reconstruct them for the purpose of housing destitutes, for whom there had been no suitable accommodation in the Hospital. The whole tone of yesterday's speeches was a felicitous one, and there will be not a few who will share with Sir Henry Blake the pleasure he expressed at the good work the Chinese people have been able to accomplish in Hongkong. The *entente cordiale* existing between the Chinese and Europeans is another cause for gratification, inasmuch as "it shows," as His Excellency eloquently remarked, "that in charitable works as in business the races of the East and the West are working together with that co-operation and good will that have, within the life of a man, raised this Colony from a fisherman's village, with a few huts, to the position of the second port in the world, in whose harbour the rich argosies of the earth find shelter and security, and within whose borders are found that personal liberty and equality before the law without which there can be no real prosperity or progress." It is sincerely to be hoped that the common interests of the inhabitants of Hongkong may be promoted by mutual co-operation and that in good as in evil the question of racial distinction may be set aside when the higher aim of the well being of all is the one goal towards which all classes should work harmoniously with the Government to arrive.

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MR. E. Osborne proceeds home for a well-deserved rest by the English mail to-morrow.

An article on the Outlook in China, and several interesting items are printed on third page.

THE P. & O. Company's steamship *Balmarnock*, Capt. F. R. Summers, will leave for Shanghai at daylight to-morrow.

MEMBERS of the Hongkong Football Club are reminded of the Ninth Annual Dinner to take place to-morrow at the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m. The Hon. Dr. Atkinson will preside.

THE Polo Club will hold a Gymkhana on the Race Course at the end of April. There will be races for Waters and one for China Ponies, also a steeplechase. A programme will be issued later.

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THE French Consul at Hongkong, in a recent report, comments on the creation of the China Commercial Steamship Company as a remarkable instance of initiative on the part of Americanised Chinamen.

COMMANDER A. J. Henniker Hughan, R.N., of H.M.S. *Ocean*, who was on his way to inspect the British flotilla on the Upper Yangtze, was wrecked at the Hsintan Rapids, and lost the whole of his gear.

THE gross value of the estate of Mr. James Henry Hart, Walsingham mansions, Hove, has been declared at £5,350 and Mr. Thomas Wilkinson John Dent, 72 years, Flass House, Crosby, Ravensworth, Westmoreland, at £26,536.

THE Destroyers *Virago* and *Sparrowhawk* will be joining the torpedo boat flotilla, on or about the middle of May. The *Amphitrite*, fitted out with all the necessary gear for towing them, left at 7.55 yesterday morning for Honolulu.

A YELLOW Book containing official correspondence relating to China will appear shortly. It will contain documents relating to the evacuation of Shanghai by the Foreign Detachments and dealing with events from the commencement of the occupation in July, 1900.

COINING is flourishing at Colombo owing to the artificial value of the rupee. The silver in a rupee is not worth the face value of the coin; in fact a rupee's weight of silver is worth some 62 Ceylon cents only, leaving 38 cents of a working margin, surely a sufficient one.

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THERE was a slip in one of the paragraphs, inserted in our edition last evening, relating to the departure of the *Empress of India* from Va couver. We stated that the silk ex that steamer had left for Hongkong. This, of course, is a mistake and should have been omitted.

THE popular author of *How to be Happy Though Married* (Rev. E. J. Hardy), whose lecture was so greatly appreciated the other evening, has recently written an entirely new set of wise and witty articles under the title of *Love Rules the Court, the Camp and Field*.

ANOTHER batch of police are going home on leave to-morrow by the P. & O. *Malta*. They are Lance Sergeants Kent, in charge of store, Carrod, chief drill instructor, Terret, officer searching West River boats for arms, Fenton, Chinese kowloon Police Station, and McHardy, Fire Brigade station.

THE Brough Company did not arrive at Shanghai until 9.15 on Saturday evening, and consequently many theatregoers were disappointed as Mr. Brough understood at Hongkong that the steamer was due at the northern port at daylight, and fully intended opening his season that evening.

MR. J. E. K. Studd has been elected by the Council to the presidency of the Polytechnic, in succession to the late Mr. Quintin Hogg. Mr. Douglas Hogg, the eldest son of the founder, takes Mr. Studd's place as vice-president. The will of Mr. Quintin Hogg has been proved at £16,253, of which £14,846 is net personality.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley in the final tie for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, H.M.S. *Argonaut* will play H.M.S. *Glory*. Kick-off at 4 p.m. In the event of a draw extra time will be played. At the conclusion of the match Lady Blake has kindly consented to present the Shield and medals to the winning team.

A LITTLE after midnight, the Fire Brigade under Chief Inspector Baker, was summoned to a small outbreak in a cook shop at 375, Queen's Road Central. The fire originated in a cockloft, but with the aid of the inmates of the house, the outbreak was soon mastered. Damage was done to the extent of \$200. The premises were insured with the Commercial Union for \$50,000.

THE Postmaster-General has informed Mr. Caldwell, M.P., that correspondence despatched from London via the United States' steamer Yokohama in from 31 to 33 days, Shanghai in about 40 days, and Hongkong in about 43 days. The approximate time occupied in the transit of correspondence from London to Sydney via Vancouver is 38 days, and via San Francisco 34 days.

In the House of Commons on 20th ult., Mr. Arnold-Forster informed Mr. R. J. Lucas that the payment of China gratuity to men who have left the naval service has been delayed owing to the fact that the details as to the distribution of the Peking prize money, which was superintended by a committee of Indian officers, have not yet reached this country. As the share, if any, received from the latter fund has to be taken into consideration in calculating the amount due in respect of the China gratuity, it is not possible to proceed with the payment of the gratuity pending the arrival of this information, which, however, is expected to be soon available.

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SAN MIGUEL San Miguel. San Miguel.

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Two young Danish certificated mercantile marine officers at Teikong, propose to make a voyage alone in a Chinese junk to Copenhagen via the principal ports en route.

BY kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—

**PROGRAMME.**  
March....."Field Service".....Old Home  
Gigue....."Ruy Blaz".....Mendelssohn  
Selection....."Three Little Maids".....Rubeen  
Song....."The Flight of Ages".....Javan  
Selection....."Kitty Grey".....Monchion  
Valse....."Les Babes".....Margie  
Eaton.  
Dance.....("Merry-makers, Dance from Nell Gwyn") Edw. German  
God Save the King.

## THE DREDGER "CANTON RIVER"

It is currently reported that an offer has been made by the French Government to purchase the dredger *Canton River* from the Hongkong and Whampoa D.C. for the sum of £8,000 sterling. We understand that negotiations are still in progress.

## THE TUNG WA HOSPITAL.

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

In our issue last evening we printed a summary of the speech of H.E. the Governor delivered yesterday afternoon at the Tung Wa Hospital on the occasion of the opening of the new Extension. The following is a verbatim report:—

His Excellency said—Mr. Tung, ladies and gentlemen, I have come here with great pleasure to-day, and it is a gratification to me to see the completion, on which I congratulate you, of this valuable addition of the Tung Wa Hospital, and having inspected it more than once during the building, I am in a position to congratulate you upon its excellent ward, and especially upon its maternity ward and its operating room. I need hardly, therefore, assure you of the pleasure with which I attend to-day to formally open this extension of the Tung Wa Hospital, and to start it upon its beneficent work. I have listened to the statement made by the Chairman with great interest, and it is a pleasure to find that so large a proportion of the \$106,000 has been subscribed by Europeans; for it shows that in charitable works as in business the races of the East and the West are working together with that co-operation and good-will that have, within the life of a man, raised this Colony from a fisherman's village, with a few huts, to the position of the second port in the world, in whose harbour the rich argosies of the earth find shelter and security, and within whose borders are found that personal liberty and equality before the law without which there can be no real prosperity or progress. I am glad to find that the building of this extension, enables the Tung Wa Committee to do away with the Ko Fong wards. The Committee have long acknowledged and seen with regret that these wards were unsuitable and were badly ventilated and it is pleasant to feel that the poor women who occupied these wards in the past will now be more suitably accommodated. I see before me many ladies and gentlemen who probably have never considered the scope of the work that has been done by the Tung Wa Committee and by this valuable institution. I may tell them that every year between two and three thousand patients are treated in this hospital; that here every man or woman entering the hospital, may expect whether he or she will be treated according to the Chinese method of treatment or to the European method. The wards are all the same, the beds are side by side, the conditions are identical, and therefore those who inquire as to a position to see which method of treatment offers the greatest prospect of recovery. Besides these thousands of patients who are accommodated every year within the walls of the hospital, a number—reaching, I think, 140,000—of out-patients are annually treated at the dispensary, which is situated at the opposite side of the street. More than that, this hospital not alone will take within its walls those who are sick and of whose recovery there may be hopes, it will receive the dying and it will bury the dead, and not alone that, for the poor who are not ill, but who have no place of shelter, are here taken in by this valuable society and accommodated for a time within the walls of the hospital. You will therefore understand how large is the measure of work done by this institution, and looking back upon the accounts of this Colony for several years, and remembering the condition of the city, ten or fifteen years ago and now, I question if any factor that has been brought to bear, in the assuagement of misery in the City of Victoria has had a greater share in the good work than the Tung Wa Hospital. When laying the foundation of another extension which is being made by the Chinese to the plague hospital, a short time ago, I spoke of the difficulties that probably would be experienced in carrying out sanitary measures in the city. What the effect of those sanitary measures has been who can tell? But I then said that all the steps that were being taken were being taken, so far as we could see, for the benefit of the Chinese people, and that we were all doing what we thought and felt was for the best, and I asked the Chinese population to assist us in carrying out measures that must always be irksome and inconvenient to those upon whose houses those operations took place. I now take this public opportunity of thanking the Chinese people for the way in which they have responded to my request. This City of Victoria has been disinfected from one end to the other. There has been great inconvenience, but never have we had occasion to use anything more than a mere request. The people have listened to the advice of the influential Chinese; they have assisted the Government, and in no city in the world have the operations of Sanitary Boards been carried out with less friction and with greater co-operation from the inhabitants. For all this I thank those influential Chinese who have assisted the Government, and I thank the people for the way in which they have responded to the advice of their leaders. A new Public Health Bill has just been passed that will be far-reaching in its operations, and will, I hope, make a great change in the comfort and in the healthiness of the city in the future. One of the results of that Bill will be, I hope, to reduce the overcrowding in the city, and possibly to enable the Government to have more open spaces, so that the people will have some place to sibly for recreation that is not covered with houses. We are now standing in the district of Taipingshan, which in 1894 was the very worst centre of the visitation of the plague, and at great expense the Government resumed a portion of Taipingshan and swept it clear of those plague-stricken houses. From time to time there has been a question whether the Government shall not dispose of that land and have it again built upon with improved houses. I have come to the conclusion that the greatest improvement in that open space behind the new extension is the bright sunlight and the pure air of heaven, and it is my intention to recommend to His Majesty's Government that the vacant space resumed in Taipingshan shall be made a people's garden. The health of the city cannot be placed for one instant in the scale against a mere question of dollars and cents, and I have no doubt that the community at large will approve of this decision. We are all aware of the efforts that are now being made to combat the two great diseases from which we have most suffered, and these are malaria and plague; and, throwing your eye back beyond 1894, I rather think that of the two fearful diseases malaria is the worst. Over all these long years it has claimed its yearly tale of victims, and until the discovery, made by Dr. Ross of the means of propagation by a particular kind of mosquito, we knew nothing about it further than the discovery of certain medicines which assisted in its cure. Now that we have discovered the source of this disease, it is the earnest desire of the Medical Department and of the Sanitary Board to prevent the disease by the destruction of mosquitoes. I know that ignorant people may think that the mosquito is a small thing, and may laugh at the idea of saving human life by the simple destruction of so very small a thing as a mosquito, but when they remember that the simple bite of this small insect, which they can hardly see without a magnifying glass, may cost the life of the father of a family or carry away the very best-loved children, the Chinese people will begin to understand the importance of destroying mosquitoes. I ask, therefore, the Chinese gentlemen and all the Chinese present to impress upon their friends and their acquaintances the importance of helping the Sanitary Board in its effort to destroy mosquitoes. There is another matter with reference to plague that I take this opportunity of impressing upon the Chinese people. We know that of the people who go to hospital a large number die, and I cannot help thinking that many of those who have died of plague have died because the disease has not been taken in time. Now, under the new law if a person who feels himself ill will only apply in time to a doctor he can be treated in his own house and the Government will undertake that he may be treated by a Chinese doctor or an European doctor as he chooses, and the Government will undertake to find lodgings for the remaining people in the house, leaving him to be treated by his own people. I am convinced that many of these cases where poor men and women are left to die and their bodies afterwards left in the street—that many of these cases are allowed to run their fatal course because the people are afraid, first, that they would at once be taken to hospital, and, second, because the house would be disinfected. Disinfected, of course, the house must be. My house has been disinfected and I don't like it (laughter), but any sensible man must see that if a mad dog were running about his house, he would destroy it and that a mad dog is not one-tenth as dangerous as a plague germ once it makes its entrance into your body. What I have said as regards this reporting of cases of illness in the very beginning, I know is only saying what the Sanitary Board would say themselves and are anxious about, and I wish to try the experiment. I want to feel that in some few cases at least you will come forward in case of illness, and let that illness be taken in time and we will see whether a large proportion of lives can be saved by treating the people in their own houses and lodging the other inhabitants of the house elsewhere. We have tried many things and you have gone with me hand in hand. Now I want you to try this and see if it may or may not succeed. It now remains for me to declare the new wing of the hospital open and I shall presently do so with the earnest hope that, dropping like the gentle dew of heaven the beneficial effects of this valuable institution may be felt for many a long year by the Chinese poor, among us in the assuagement of their misery who, when afflicted with disease, will find extended to them that brotherly kindness and pity that are the true bonds of union, and help to make the whole world kin. (Applause.)

## HONGKONG SCHOOLS SPORTS.

Following are the results of the sports held at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon:—

Long Jump:—1, B. Wong, 2, J. Rocha, 3, F. Gonzalez.

100 yds. (10-13):—1, J. M. Barrados, 2, R. Arriola, 3, F. Vidal.

100 yds. (3-6):—1, J. da Rocha, 2, L. Rodrigues, 3, Wong Shui Cheung.

120 yds.:—1, C. Loureiro, 2, J. Castro, 3, H. M. Castro.

1 mile Bicycle:—1, H. F. Bunje, 2, Wong Shui Cheung, 3, F. Tapirala.

High Jump (15-18):—1, Lum Fook, 2, F. Mooltee.

220 yds.:—1, L. Rodrigues, 2, J. da Rocha, 3, R. da Silva.

120 yds. Hurdles:—1, R. da Silva, 2, B. Wong, 3, L. Desportes.

High Jump (10-15):—1, A. K. Dalbash, 2, A. J. J.

100 yds. Girls under 10:—1, A. Lee, 2, M. Mooney, 3, W. White.

100 yds. Girls over 10:—1, M. Long, 2, A. Yau, 3, A. Lin.

1 mile:—1, J. Labbaye, 2, J. da Rocha, 3, R. da Silva.

Throwing Cricket Ball:—1, N. Ballovin, 2, L. Desportes.

Half-mile Challenge:—1, U. Alaraki, 2, Yeung I, 3, A. Melbye.

Skiing Race:—1, A. Lee, 2, M. Long, 3, M. Mooney.

50 yds. (under 7):—1, Batista, 2, A. Asvidio.

50 yds. (under 7):—1, S. May, 2, Gonzalez.

300 yds.:—1, Wong Shui Cheung, 2, Ng Kam Wai.

600 yds.:—1, U. Alaraki, 2, C. G. Markar, 3, H. Edward.

7-furlong:—1, J. Wicheil, 2, F. Ellis.

100 yds. Three Legged:—1, Pak Shui Ki, 2, R. da Silva.

100 yds. Three Legged:—1, Wong Shui Cheung, 2, L. Rodrigues.

Potato Race:—1, J. Labbaye, 2, F. Gonzalez, 3, Yeung I.

100 yds. Egg and Spoon:—Wong Shui Cheung, 2, L. Rodrigues, 3, Lum Kai Ming.

2 miles Bicycle:—1, R. C. Wicheil, 2, E. Bunje.

European Soldiers:—1, Snelling, 2, Thomson, Asiatic Soldiers:—1, Reita Singh, 2, Moong Singh.

The Masters' Cup was awarded to Wing Shui Cheung (points 13).

The Committee beg to tender their best to the following donors of the prizes:—Sir C. P. Chater, Kt. C.M.G., Ellis Brothers, Messrs. D. Nowrojee and Son, A. Rumliah, Levy Hermanos, A. Chee & Co., W. Brewer & Co., Kelly and Walsh Ltd., Nakazawa & Co., and to the subscribers. When the accounts have been audited a copy of the balance sheet will be sent round to each subscriber. By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Fremont and the Officers of the 33rd Burma Infantry, the band of that Regiment dispensed an excellent selection of music during the afternoon. Dr. H. Bateson Wright, on behalf of Mrs. Wright made a few appropriate remarks, after which Mrs. Wright distributed the prizes. In conclusion three hearty cheers were given for Mrs. Wright.

## MASONIC.

At a regular meeting of the United Mark Lodge No. 419 E.C., held on Wednesday 25th instant, Bro. Harry W. Wolfe, was installed Wor. Master for the ensuing year, by Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin, P.M., assisted by Wor. Bro. Ford, Pro. G. J. W. King, P. M. Wor. Bro. Jas. Lochead, P. M. and Wor. Bro. G. G. Burnett. Wor. Bro. Wolfe then appointed and installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

S. P. M.	Wor. Bro.	G. G. Burnett.
J. W.	Bro.	J. H. Varcoe.
J. W.	"	W. H. Woolley.
M. O.	"	J. Lochead.
S. O.	"	W. Penning.
I. O.	"	M. Taylor.
Tre.	"	J. A. Wheel.
Sec.	"	Jas. Lochead, P.M.
Chapt.	Wor.	W. L. Ford, P.M.
S. D.	"	J. Gettlingby.
J. D.	"	C. Tuckwell.
R. M.	"	W. Brand.
D. C.	"	W. Skinnard.
J. G.	"	J. Hawkes.
Tyler.	"	J. Vaustons.

## THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon yesterday, four further cases of bubonic plague, making 118 since January 1st, were notified as having occurred in Hongkong. They were from 8, Upper Street Street; 41, Cochrane Street; and one admitted to Tung Wa Hospital; and another (dumped) found opposite Third Street.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon to-day four further cases were reported, bringing the total to 122. They were from 3, Nine Cutters, Lane; 10, Shiu Hing Lane, 9, 1 On Lane; and 8, Tai Ping Shan Street.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

## MAILS DUE.

German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 31st inst.  
German (*Kiauchuan*) 1st prox.  
American (*Nippon Maru*) 1st prox.  
Indian (*Napangan*) 11th prox.  
American (*Siberia*) 11th prox.  
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 14th prox.  
American (*Coptic*) 16th prox.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nippon Maru* with mails, &c., left Nagasaki for Manila to-day, at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 30th inst., at daylight.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M. *Empress of India* left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual Ports of Call, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Tosa Maru* (American Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

The C. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Yokohama* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 11th prox.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Coptic* with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 20th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Athena* arrived at Kobe at 7.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. for Yokohama where she is expected to arrive at 6 a.m., on Saturday, the 28th inst.

SAN MIGUEL San Miguel. San Miguel.



## TELEGRAMS.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

(By special arrangement with Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

## The Reichstag.

Berlin, 26th March, 7 p.m.  
Chancellor von Bulow has gone to Sorrento for the Easter holidays.  
The new elections for the Reichstag will take place on the 10th June.

## The American Squadron.

The visit of the American Squadron to Kiel has been postponed on technical grounds till 1904.

## Miscellaneous.

The Emperor will arrive at Copenhagen on the 1st April. On his Italian visit he will be accompanied by von Bulow. The former ambassador von Derenthal has been called to the Upper House by the Emperor as King of Prussia. In Madrid Rodriguez Pedro has been appointed Minister of Finance in place of Villaverde.

(Reuters.)

## The Riot in Trinidad.

London, March 25th.  
Fourteen were killed and forty wounded in the recent riot in Trinidad. No Europeans were among the number.

## Widespread Seismic Agitation.

There are reports from various parts of a widespread seismic agitation. Souffriere and Mont Pelee are again devastating parts of St. Vincent and Martinique. Violent shocks occurred at Karlsruhe and Saxony on Sunday. Vesuvius is increasingly active and shocks were felt yesterday in Staffordshire and Derbyshire; in some places, chimneys and ceilings fell and people rushed into the streets but no serious damage was done.

## General Sir Hector Macdonald.

The Ceylon Times says that General Sir Hector Macdonald refuses to let an adverse verdict go by default.

LATER.

## Suicide of General Sir Hector Macdonald.

It is officially stated that General Sir Hector Macdonald shot himself this afternoon in a Paris Hotel.

[Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, C.B., D.S.O., was an officer of extreme popularity and with a remarkable history. Beginning life as a draper's assistant he enlisted in the ranks and was soon on the road to success. He scored in the Afghan war of 1879-80, and accompanied Sir F. (Lord) Roberts on his march to Cabul winning by superb bravery rank after rank. He was present at the battle of Kandahar, and afterwards served in the Boer war in 1881 where, at Majuba, his bravery won him his life at the hands of the enemy. He was Garrison-Adjutant at Ascutt (Upper Egypt) in 1885, and was in the Soudan during the Egyptian operations of 1881-91. In 1896 he took command of the 2nd Infantry Brigade under Sir H. (now Lord) Kitchener, and in 1897-98 commanded Egyptian Brigades, being present at the battles of Atbara and of Khartoum, sharing in the Sirdar's victory at Omdurman, where he commanded the 1st Egyptian Brigade and showed admirable generalship. He was appointed *aide-de-camp* to the late Queen in 1898. While acting as Brigadier-General commanding at Umballi (India) he was summoned to take command of the Household Brigade, under Lord Methuen, in succession to General Wauchope, and the appointment of "Fighting Mac" as he was called was hailed with satisfaction by the Brigade. Coming to more recent times, as we pointed out in our issue of the 19th instant, Sir Hector left Nuwara Eliba on the evening of the 18th ult. for Colombo and sailed immediately for England. An official communique published on Saturday states that His Excellency the Governor himself granted Sir Hector Macdonald leave on very urgent private affairs in anticipation of War Office sanction.—Edw. H.K.T.]

## Venezuela.

President Castro has withdrawn his resignation.

## The Irish Land Bill.

The Rt. Hon. George Wyndham in a crowded house introduced the Irish Land Bill to the Commons. The Bill provides for granting tenants cash advances to purchase their own holdings. The hundred million pounds, which may be required, will be raised by the creation of a new 2½% guaranteed Stock, not redeemable for thirty years and in addition to this, there will be a free grant of £12,000,000. Mr. John Redmond cordially welcomed the tone and temper of Mr. Wyndham's scheme. The Bill passed its first reading.

(N. C. D. News.)

## The Discard in Macedonia.

There is no improvement in the condition of Macedonia. The emissaries of the revolutionary committee are everywhere extorting contributions by intimidation backed by assassination. Armed bands are constantly in conflict with the help of the villagers whenever they are wanted.

## The Campaign in Somaliland.

The advance body of the main columns of the British Expeditionary Force has been ordered to the command of Lieut. Col. F. S. Roberts. Numbers fell out exhausted owing to the intense heat.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Glauk.

## THE SANITARY BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-constituted Sanitary Board was held this afternoon, when all the members were present with the exception of Mr. H. E. Pollock.  
The President (Dr. Atkinson) said:—As the Board is now fully constituted under the new Ordinance I beg to welcome those who sit on it for the first time to-day, and I hope our deliberations and decisions will conduce to the improvement of the sanitary condition of this Colony, whose interest we all have so much at heart (applause).  
The business was then proceeded with.

## CAMPBELL, MOORE AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the seventeenth ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Office No. 29 Queen's Road Central, on Tuesday, the 31st March, at 4 o'clock p.m.  
Gentlemen,—The Directors have the pleasure to lay before you the accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1902, showing a credit balance of £5,336.68 which, with your approval, your Directors propose to deal with as follows:—  
To pay a Dividend of 25 per cent. £3,000.00  
" pay Directors' Fees 600.00  
" write off Fixture and Furniture a/c. 178.45  
" place to Reserve Fund account 1,000.00  
" carry forward to next year's a/c. 538.23

During this year business has been pretty steady and there is every prospect that it will continue so. For the convenience of the patrons, a Branch has been opened in the Hongkong Club Annex during the early part of this month. The Directors hope that it will be advantageous to the Company.  
The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. D. Gourdin, who offers himself for re-election.

A. FUCHSBERG ARCELLI,  
Chairman.  
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1903.

Statement of accounts from 1st January to 31st December, 1902.

Assets.	
V. due of stock on hand	£7,848.24
Accounts Receivable—	
Due from customers	5,131.82
Cash—	
Amount on hand	461.30
Chartered Bank—	
in current account	6,503.69
Furniture and Fixture—	
As per last account	\$805.65
Recommended to be written off at last meeting	305.65
Since added	178.45
Loan account—	
As per last account	£75.00
Since collected	20.00
Suspense account—	
Unexpired fire premium	8.78
	\$5,687.28

LIABILITIES.	
By Capital—	
1,000 shares paid up @ \$10 each	\$10,000.00
Accounts Payable—	
Due to sundry Creditors	815.80
Reserve Fund—	
As per last account	\$1,500.00
As authorized at last meeting	1,000.00
Meeting	2,500.00
Unclaimed Dividends & Bonus	34.80
Balance at Credit of Profit & Loss	5,336.68
	\$20,687.28

WORKING ACCOUNT.	
To Charges—	
Wages	\$2,534.51
Reserve Fund, As passed at last meeting	1,000.00
Dividend 25% on \$12,000 as passed at last meeting	3,000.00
Bonus 25% on \$1,500 as passed at last meeting	3,000.00
Director's Fees	400.00
Auditor's Fees, Monthly audits during 1902	300.00
Rent	3,120.00
Insurance	21.47
Stationery	238.60
Bad Debts—	
1899	\$461.00
1900	72.65
1901	146.00
1902	41.95
	721.60
Furniture and Fixtures—	
Written off as passed at last meeting	335.61
Balance	5,336.68
	\$19,416.84

B Balance brought forward from last account	\$7,098.66
Interest	179.41
Sales and Shop Returns	\$3,610.32
Less Cost of Stock	1,137.80
Transfer Fees	21,238.52
	25
	\$29,416.84

E. & O. F.  
CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LTD.  
I have compared the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers of the Company and certify the same to be correct.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Auditor.

## BATTLESHIPS AND DOCKS.

A rather serious question is presenting itself in regard to the increasing size of ships, an increase which shows itself not only in length, but in beam. Where are they to be docked, these new battleships, these almost equally big cruisers, asks the *Pall Mall Gazette*. There are two big docks at Portsmouth. Other docks elsewhere have been extended; and there is a world of Kowloon that, speaking from memory, China is a long way off, and the lengthening of docks to home dockyards, and the widening of their entrances, will be a very serious and costly affair. This is another plea—if there were not enough already—for moderate dimensions, though the description has a very different significance now from what it had a few years ago. The difficulty in regard to docks, however, is serious, and it is not easy to see how it is to be surmounted.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Glauk.

## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, March 26th, 1903.

## CANTON MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Canton Missionary Conference met yesterday afternoon at the house of Rev. S. G. Tope, Tsang Shih. There was a good attendance. The essayist for the occasion was Rev. G. H. McNeur, who is the first missionary of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church to Canton. It is the purpose of the New Zealand Church to organize what is to be known as the "Canton Village Mission." New missionaries are expected next October. The field which the new mission expects to occupy is the Upper Pun U district. This district though near Canton has not received much attention from the missions already established and is one of the most unfriendly sections of the province.

Mr. McNeur took for the subject of his essay "New Zealand, her Chinese and Other Immigrants." The essay was an interesting one and replete with information. "Every animal from the mouse up to the Governor is an immigrant," said the essayist. Then followed a brief sketch of the island and its inhabitants.

THE KWANGSI FAMINE.  
Reports from Kwangsi tell of the terrible suffering from famine. Thousands of the people are without food and must depend upon the bounty of others. The missionaries of the Christian Alliance are feeding hundreds. But with all that is being done many are dying from starvation. The traffic in children is also very large. Parents sell their children for almost nothing.

I have been sending you word that the plague is not spreading. This morning I learned that there is a neighbourhood in the east section of the city where there are a number of cases. However, the disease is not acting in a way to cause alarm. The indications are that it will not spread much.

## WEI HAI WEI GOLD MINING CO.

A REPORT.

The following communication has been made by the Acting Secretary of the Wei Hai Wei Gold Mining Co., Ltd.:—  
The Directors of the Wei Hai Wei Gold Mining Co., Ltd., have received the following cable on Saturday last from their manager at Weihaiwei:—"Developments Sugar Loaf and Blacks Claim do not encourage me.—Dawson."

## THE "TERRIBLE" AND THE "POWERFUL."

During the debate on the Address in the House of Commons on 20th ult. Sir W. Allan moved an amendment expressing regret that mention is not made in the King's Speech of the unsatisfactory condition of the Navy. In the course of some rather raucous criticism he said that the *Powerful*, which was designed to steam 22 knots, was already done for; she was scrap iron. He was not exaggerating when he said that that vessel or her voyage home consumed all the spare coal stored at Singapore and Colombo. (Laughter.) As to the *Terrible*, she took nine months to get from Weihaiwei to Hongkong. (Laughter.) Mr. Arnold-Forster, in reply, said that Sir W. Allan had compared the *Kurik* and the *Terrible*, but he left the Russian ships, having been on board both the Russian ships, could only say, "Heaven help the men at their unprotected guns if they fought with vessels like the *Terrible* and the *Powerful*."

## HONGKONG CURRENCY.

The *L. & C. Express*, of the 27th ult., says: By the last mail received from Hongkong we had the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce called to consider the Currency Question. The Committee had met to decide on the request of the Singapore Chamber for common action at the present time. A similar request was preferred in 1897, at a time when the Singapore Chamber had announced its opinion in favour of a gold standard. The Hongkong Committee again decided, as in 1897, that the circumstances of the colonies were entirely different, and that whilst China remained on a silver basis Hongkong must perforce do likewise. It was also decided not to call a special general meeting unless such was requisitioned by the members. Apparently this has since been done, and a resolution passed requesting that the Straits Currency Commission should extend the scope of its inquiry so as to cover Hongkong. This Commission, however, is on the point of concluding its labours, and it would probably be necessary to reconstitute it so as to embrace the inquiry desired by Hongkong. Probably the same members could be appointed, with the exception perhaps of the representative of the Straits Association, who would be replaced by, say, a member of the China Association, having special knowledge of the conditions of Hongkong. This, however, by the way. The meeting held at the request of the members of the Hongkong Chamber to place a few days ago, as we learn by telegram, when the resolution was passed by 40 votes to 25, which shows that the Chamber as a body is not in consonance with the views of its committee. It would seem that local opinions are hovering between the very natural desire for stability in the standard, by which the vast trade of the colony is conducted, which can be obtained by a contraction of the currency, though probably accompanied by a stringent money market, and the fear that there will be a displacement of trade and banking by making change. Whilst China continues on a silver basis Hongkong must perforce look forward to a certain drifting away of business to the ports of the mainland. What is evident for the moment is that there is a strong movement both in the Straits and Hongkong for a gold-standard currency, and that those in either colony who a few years ago were strong in their opposition to what was termed "tampering with the currency," are now the chief exponents of a gold standard currency. It is even said from Hongkong that conversion would cost the Government comparatively little. It depends on the ratio adopted, as in like manner does the loss to the public or, on the other hand, the risks that will have to be run. There are two things very evident in taking on a gold standard without a true gold backing. If the rate adopted is high—say 25 at present, when exchange is 15 per cent. or more below that figure—the Government, or the public, must bear a heavy loss, and in equity it would have to be the Government; but the rate taken is low—that is somewhere about present exchange—there is no present loss to the public or Government, but there is a grave risk, that if a rise in silver the colony might find some morning that every dollar had been shipped out of the place for sale as bullion; the cost of replacing would be a heavy loss to Government.

## A CANDID FRIEND IN HONGKONG.

Writing from London on the 20th ult., our correspondent says:—  
Glancing over the *Manchester Dispatch* one day this week I came upon a letter from a candid friend of ours. I give it without comment. The paper mentioned introduced the letter briefly but—A gentleman who has been travelling in the Far East for the last three years for the purpose of studying our Imperial position, writes from Hongkong as follows on the subject of diplomatic and consular efficiency in China and Japan:—"A socially nice man is not the kind of minister one wants out here just now. On the contrary, one wants rather a man who thinks only of how to take advantages of such, and if there is no apparent crop of such, to create them. I do not see the use of paying for nothing. It seems to me to sit still waiting for something to turn up. When it does turn up we have the worst of it owing to ignorance. That is where I admire the Russians, corrupt though they be. Their consuls are always on the lookout for the interests of their country. The Chino-Russian Bank is particularly a political service affair, that is to say, the agents are invariably deep-thinking, observant people, reporting continually on trade or anything else of value in the way of information that they know. They entertain those from whom information can be got. What does our great Eastern bank (Hongkong and Shanghai) entertain? A cricketer team or something of that kind. I have never met an agent east of Singapore who did think more of 'cocktails' than of anything else."

## Commercial.

## TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

HONGKONG BANKS are quoted \$69½ buyers. NATIONALS are wanted at \$25. HONGKONG FIRES have sellers at \$307.50. INDOS are offering at \$100 without response from buyers. A small lot of DOUGLAS is offering at \$23. CHINA SUGARS have been sold at \$109 and close steadily. DOCKS have buyers at \$213 cash and equivalent rates forward. WHARVES continue in demand at \$95. KOWLOON LUMBER have buyers at \$40. CEMENTS are weak and have sellers at \$12. HONGKONG HOTELS are in great demand at \$142.50, with no shares offering.

## SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

The following extracts of the week's share transactions are from Messrs. J. A. Sullivan & Co.'s report published on the 18th inst.:—  
Business continues brisk, and several important movements in stocks have taken place at prices which show the over fluctuating nature of our sensitive market. The sight rate on London is quoted to-day at 21 11/16. Consols 99½. The Hongkong 3 days' sight, as telegraphed, is 73½.

Shipping.—The vagaries of the Indo-China market have been difficult to follow. Opening at Tls. 78 the quotation rose steadily to Tls. 80, only to fall immediately to Tls. 78 7/8. A smash in rates to Tls. 70 was injudiciously made to-day to try the tone is better and shares are wanted at Tls. 75. For March Tls. 77 7/8, 81 are wanted and afterwards slumped from Tls. 75 to Tls. 70. Tls. 74 has just been done. May shares were sold at Tls. 79 7/8, 79. For June sales have been made at Tls. 80 7/8, 78 and latterly at Tls. 76 7/8 and Tls. 72. Hongkong is following our changes keenly but so far has not operated in quantity. The London rate is £8 1/2, or an equivalent of Tls. 80.38. A sharp reaction is expected in his stock, and the market closes with an upward tendency. Tug Boats have received a good deal of attention and rates have advanced by sales at Tls. 330 to 335. Shares are wanted.

Interest.—Farnham, Boys have been the medium of large business at advancing rates from Tls. 182½, 187½, Tls. 195, 197½, 20½, for cash. To-day the market came up and shares were let go at Tls. 192½, 187½. There are strong buyers at this rate. For the account transactions are recorded at Tls. 182½, Tls. 187½, 190 Tls. 192½, 195, Tls. 197½, 200, but to-day several lots were forced by speculators at Tls. 192½, 187½. For April Tls. 185, 195, Tls. 200, 202½ are quoted. Shares are now offering at cheaper rates. Business has been done for June at Tls. 195, 197½, 200 and Tls. 205, 207½, 202½. For July Tls. 200, 210 is recorded. Hongkongs are steady at 305.

Cargo Boats.—Since the amalgamation these shares have considerably improved in value and sales are reported from Tls. 165, 167½, 168½, 170 and Tls. 175.

Sugars.—Perals are neglected. China Sugars have found local buyers at \$107, \$109 and \$110. To-day there are sellers at \$108. Luzons are not wanted.

Mining.—Chinese Engineering and Mining shares have been sold at Tls. 8. The first public quotation in Weihaiwei Gold Mines has been established at \$22 for fully paid up shares. Shares are in demand.

Tobacco.—The Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co.'s report and accounts to 31st October show a net result for the year of Tls. 61,162.42. After deducting the interim dividend of 10 per cent. paid in August, the balance of Tls. 49,602.56 is apportioned towards paying a final dividend of 13 per cent. writing off Land Contracts Tls. 6,448.31 and carrying forward the balance Tls. 554.25. Shares changed hands at Tls. 64 1/2, Tls. 65 1/2, 66 1/2 for cash; for the account at Tls. 64 and June at Tls. 67 1/2, 68 1/2, 69 1/2. In Maa-schappij in Langkats shares the business has been big with alternating prices for cash and time. Before payment of Tls. 7½ dividend on 14th instant, shares were sold from Tls. 350, 345, 350, 355; Tls. 363 1/2, 365, 360, cum div. Afterwards a reaction dropped the quotation to Tls. 348 1/2, 351 1/2, but immediately recovering sales were easily made at Tls. 345, 350, 354 1/2. To-day a fresh report carried the quotation from Tls. 355 to Tls. 375. For the settlement numerous transactions at Tls. 340, 350, Tls. 352 1/2, 371 1/2, Tls. 360, 365, 371 1/2 and at Tls. 342 1/2, 340, Tls. 352 1/2, 371 1/2, Tls. 365, 370, 375 ex div. April sales were made at Tls. 360, 371 1/2, Tls. 365, 362 1/2, 367 1/2, Tls. 365, 370 cum and at Tls. 350, 360, 375, 38 ex. May shares have found willing buyers at Tls. 370, 382 1/2. June sales are reported at Tls. 365, 375, Tls. 370, 375, 380 cum and to-day at Tls. 365, 390, 392 1/2. Shares are strong at quotation. The fortnightly returns give the output 46,000 gallons of crude petroleum in tanks 330,000 gallons. Kerosene made 49,000 cases, shipped, 63,000 cases and in stock 57,000 cases.

EXCHANGE:—  
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer ..... 174 1/2  
" Bank Bills, on demand ..... 173 1/2  
" Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 171 1/2  
" D'Almeida, 4 months' sight ..... 171 1/2  
ON BERLIN, (demand) ..... N. 162 1/2  
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand ..... 201  
" Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 205  
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand ..... 50  
" Credits, 30 days' sight ..... 39 1/2  
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer ..... 119 1/2  
" On demand ..... 119 1/2  
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer ..... 73 1/2  
" Private to days' sight ..... nom.  
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. ..... 78 1/2  
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate ..... \$14 42  
Gold Leaf, 1000, per tael ..... 64.75  
Bar Silver ..... 22 7/16

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OPIUM QUOTATIONS.	
To-day's quotations are as follows:—	Per chest
MALWA LAST YEAR	\$980/1,020
" ULDEST	1,060/1,120
PATNA NEW	1,090
BENARES NEW	1,070
PERSIAN (PAPER)	780/800

## To-day's Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on MONDAY, the 31st March, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vieux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—  
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Hong Kong, 27th March, 1903. [386c]

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Hong Kong, 27th March, 1903. [563c]

COMPETENT JAPANESE HAIRDRESSER. Salary \$75 per month. Apply to SECRETARY, SELANGOR CLUB, KUALA LUMPUR, FEDERATED MALAY STATES, 27th March, 1903. [387d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "BALLAARAT" FROM HOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. From London, &c., ex S.S. China. From Australia, ex S.S. Australia. From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 3 P.M., TO-DAY. Goods not cleared by the 2nd April, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee, and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.  
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